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To UNBUCKLE. *v. a.* To loose from buckles.
We have been down together in my sleep,
Unbuckling helms; sitting each other's throat,
And wak'd half dead with nothing. *Shakefp. Coriolanus.*
He that unbuckles this, till we do please
To doff't for our purpose, shall hear a storm. *Shakefp.*
His starry helm unbuckled, shew'd him prime
In manhood, where youth ended. *Milton's Par. Lost.*
Laid their bright arms along the fable shore. *Pope.*
To UNBUILD. *v. a.* To raze; to destroy.
This is the way to kindle, not to quench;
To unbuild the city, and to lay all flat. *Shakefp.peare.*
What will they then but unbuild
His living temples, built by faith to stand;
Their own faith, not another's? *Milton's Par. Lost.*
UNBUILT. *adj.* Not yet erected.
Built walls you thum, unbuilt you see. *Dryden.*
UNBURIED. *adj.* Not interred; not honoured with the rites
of funeral.
Why suffer'st thou thy sons, unburi'd yet,
To hover on the dreadful shore of Styx? *Shakefp.*
The moss which groweth upon the skull of a dead man
unburied, will staunch blood potentially. *Bacon.*
The hardest ingredient to come by, is the moss upon the
skull of a dead man unburi'd. *Bacon.*
Him double cares attend,
For his unburi'd soldiers, and his friend. *Dryden.*
Breathless he lies; and his unburi'd ghost,
Depriv'd of funeral rites, pollutes your host. *Dryden.*
The wand'ring ghosts
Of king's unburi'd on the wasted coasts. *Pope's Statius.*
UNBURNED. *adj.* Not consumed by fire.
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1. Not consumed; not wasted; not injured by fire.
Creon denies the rites of funeral fire to those,
Whose breathless bodies yet he calls his foes;
Unburi'd, unburi'd, on a heap they lie. *Dryden.*
2. Not heated with fire.
Burnt wine is more hard and astringent, than wine un-
burnt. *Bacon's Nat. Hist. N. 898.*
UNBURNING. *adj.* Not consuming by heat.
What we have said of the unburning fire called light,
streaming from the flame of a candle, may easily be applied
to all other light deprived of sensible heat. *Digby.*
To UNBURTHEN. *v. a.*
1. To rid of a load.
We'll shake all cares and business from our age,
Conferring them on younger strengths; while we
Unburden'd crawl toward death. *Shakefp. K. Lear.*
2. To throw off.
Sharp Buckingham unburthen with his tongue
The envious load that lies upon his heart. *Shakefp.*
3. To disclose what lies heavy on the mind.
From your love I have a warranty
T' unburthen all my plots and purposes,
How to get clear of all the debts I owe. *Shakefp.*
To UNBUTTON. *v. a.* To loose any thing buttoned.
Thou art fat-witted with drinking old sack, and unbutton-
ing thee after supper. *Shakefp. Hen. IV.*
Many catch cold on the breast, by leaving their doublets
unbuttoned. *Harvey on Consumptions.*
His silk waistcoat was unbuttoned in several places. *Addison.*
UNCALCINED. *adj.* Free from calcination.
A saline substance, subtler than sal ammoniac, carried up
with it, uncalcined gold in the form of subtle exhalations.
UNCALLED. *adj.* Not summoned; not sent for; not demanded.
Basilus had servants, who, though they came not un-
called, yet at call were ready. *Sidney.*
He, bolder now, uncalled before her flood. *Milton.*
Mild Lucina came uncalled, and stood
Beside the struggling boughs, and heard the groan,
Then reach'd her midwife hand to speed the throes. *Dryden.*
To UNCAJ. *adj.* To disturb.
What strange disquiet has uncain'd your breast,
Inhuman fair, to rob the dead of rest? *Dryden.*
UNCANCELLED. *adj.* Not erased; not abrogated.
I only mourn my yet uncancell'd score; *Dryden.*
You put me past the pow'r of paying more. *Dryden.*
UNCANONICAL. *adj.* Not agreeable to the canons.
UNCAPABLE. *adj.* [incapable, Fr. incapax, Lat.] Not capable;
not susceptible.
Thou art come to answer
A stony adversary, an inhuman wretch,
Uncapable of pity, void and empty
From any dram of mercy. *Shakefp. Mer. of Venice.*
He who believes himself incapable of pardon, goes on
without any care of reforming. *Hammond.*
This, whilst they are under the deceit of it, makes them
incapable of conviction; and they applaud themselves as zealous

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lous champions for truth, when indeed they are contending
for error. *Locke.*
UNCARED for. *adj.* Not regarded; not attended to.
Their kings, to better their worldly estate, left their own
and their people's ghostly condition uncared for. *Locke.*
UNCARINATE. *adj.* Not fleshy.
Nor need we be afraid to ascribe that to the incarnate son,
which sometimes is attributed unto the incarnate fa-
ther. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*
To UNCASE. *v. a.* To uncover.
1. To disengage from any covering.
See Pompey is uncasing for the combat. *Shakefp.*
Thou shalt be master, Tranio, in my stead.
'Tis hatch'd, and shall be so: Tranio, at once
Uncase thee; take my colour'd hat and cloak. *Shakefp.*
Partly by his voice, and partly by his ears, was disco-
ver'd; and consequently uncased, well laugh'd at, and well
cudgell'd. *L'Estrange.*
Uncase me, and do with me what you please. *Addison.*
2. To slay.
All men him uncased 'gan deride. *Hubbard's Tale.*
UNCAUGHT. *adj.* Not yet caught.
Let him fly far;
Not in this land shall he remain uncought, *Shakefp. K. Lear.*
And found dispatch'd. *Gay.*
His bosom glows with treasures yet uncought. *Gay.*
UNCAUTIOUS. *adj.* Not wary; heedless.
Unforeseen, they lay, is unprepared:
Uncautious Arcite thought himself alone. *Dryden.*
UNCELEBRATED. *adj.* Not solemnized.
Thus was the first day, ev'n and morn;
Nor pass'd uncelebrated, nor unsung
By the celestial choirs. *Milton's Par. Lost, b. vii. l. 253.*
UNCELSURED. *adj.* Exempt from public reproach.
How difficult must it be for any ruler to live uncelesured,
where every one of the community is thus qualified for mo-
delling the constitution? *Addison's Freeholder.*
Fear most to tax an honourable fool,
Whose right it is uncelesured to be dull.
To be uncelesured, and to be obscure, is the same
thing. *Pope's Letters.*
UNCERTAIN. *adj.* [incertain, Fr. incertus, Lat.]
1. Doubtful; not certainly known.
That sacred pile, so vast, so high,
That whether 'tis a part of earth or sky,
Uncertain seems; and may be thought a proud
Aspiring mountain, or descending cloud. *Denham.*
2. Doubtful; not having certain knowledge.
Man, without the protection of a superior being, is secure
of nothing that he enjoys, and uncertain of every thing that
he hopes for. *Tillotson.*
3. Not sure in the consequence.
I must be married to my brother's daughter,
Or else my kingdom stands on brittle gla's:
Murder her brothers, and then marry her!
Uncertain way of gain! *Shakespeare's Richard III.*
Africanus young, and eager of his game,
Soon bent his bow, uncertain in his aim:
But the dire fiend the fatal arrow guides,
Which pierc'd his bowels through his panting sides. *Dryden.*
In the bright air the fauchion shone,
Or whistling flings dimits'd th' uncertain stone. *Gay.*
The search of our future being, is but a needless, anxious,
and uncertain haste to be knowing, sooner than we can
what, without all this solicitude, we shall know a little
later. *Pope.*
4. Unsettled; irregular.
As the form of our public service is not voluntary, so
neither are the parts thereof uncertain; but they are all set
down in such order, and with such choice, as hath, in the
wisdom of the church, seem'd best. *Hooker.*
UNCERTAINED. *adj.* Made uncertain. A word not used.
The diversity of seasons are not so uncertain by the sun
and moon alone, who always keep one and the same course,
but that the stars have also their working therein. *Raleigh.*
UNCERTAINLY. *adv.* Not surely; not certainly.
They that are past all hope of good, are past
All fear of ill: and yet if he be dead,
Speak softly, or uncertainly. *Denham's Sappho.*
Go, mortals, now, and vex yourselves in vain
For wealth, which so uncertainly must come:
When was brought so far, and with such pain,
Was only kept to lose it nearer home.
Names must be of very unsteady meanings, if the ideas be
referred to standards without us, that cannot be known at
all, or but very imperfectly and uncertainly. *Locke.*

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UNCERTAINTY. *n. f.*
1. Doubtfulness; want of knowledge.
All great concerns must delays endure;
Rashness and haste make all things unsecure;
And if uncertain thy pretensions be,
Stay till fit time wear out uncertainty. *Denham.*
You common cry of curs, whose breath I hate,
Here remain with your uncertainty;
Let every feeble rumour shake your hearts.
That which makes doubtful and uncertainty in the fig-
nification of some, more than other words, is the difference
of ideas they stand for. *Locke.*
2. Contingency; want of certainty.
God's omniscience is a light shining into every dark cor-
ner, steadfastly grasping the greatest and most slippery uncer-
tainties. *South's Sermons.*
3. Something unknown.
Our shepherd's care is every man's care, that quits a moral
certainty for an uncertainty, and leaps from the honest busi-
ness he was brought up to, into a trade he has no
skill in. *L'Estrange.*
To UNCHAIN. *v. a.* To free from chains.
Minerva thus to Perseus lent her shield,
Secure of conquest, lent him to the field:
The hero acted what the queen ordain'd;
So was his fame complete, and Andromede unchain'd. *Prior.*
UNCHANGABLE. *adj.* Immutable; not subject to varia-
tion.
If the end for which a law provideth, be perpetually ne-
cessary; and the way whereby it provideth perpetually also
most apt, no doubt but that every such law ought for ever to
remain unchangeable. *Hooker, b. iii. §. 10.*
UNCHANGED. *adj.*
1. Not altered.
When our fortunes are violently changed, our spirits are
unchanged. *Taylor's Rule of Holy Living.*
More safe I sing with mortal voice; unchang'd
To hoarse, or mute. *Milton's Par. Lost.*
2. Not alterable.
Dismiss thy fear,
And heav'n's unchang'd decrees attentive hear:
More pow'ful gods have torn thee from my side. *Dryden.*
Honour unchang'd, a principle profess,
Fixt to one side, but mod'rate to the rest. *Pope.*
UNCHANGABLENESS. *n. f.* Immutability.
This unchangeableness of colour I am now to describe. *Newt.*
UNCHANGABLY. *adv.* Immutably; without change.
All truth is unchangeably the same; that proposition, which
is true at any time, being so for ever. *South.*
Her first order, disposition, frame,
Must then subsist unchangeably the same. *Blackmore.*
UNCHANGING. *adj.* Suffering no alteration.
But that thy face is, vizor-like, unchanging,
Made impudent with use of evil deeds,
I would essay, proud queen, to make thee blush. *Shakefp.*
True expression, like th' unchanging sun,
Clears and improves whatever it shines upon:
It gilds all objects, but it alters none. *Pope.*
To UNCHARGE. *v. a.* To retract an accusation.
Even his mother shall uncharge the practice,
And call it accident. *Shakefp. Hamlet.*
UNCHARITABLE. *adj.* Contrary to charity; contrary to the
universal love prescribed by christianity.
All the rich mines of learning ranack'd are
To furnish ammunition for this war;
Uncharitable zeal our reason whets,
And double edges on our passion sets. *Denham.*
This fills the minds of weak men with uncharitable in-
terpretations of those actions of which they are not compe-
tent judges. *Addison's Freeholder, N^o. 37.*
UNCHARITABLENESS. *n. f.* Want of charity.
The penitence of the criminal may have number'd him
among the saints, when our untractable uncharitableness
may send us to unquenchable flames. *Govern. of the Tongue.*
Heaven and hell are the proper regions of mercy and un-
charitableness. *Asterbury.*
UNCHARITABLY. *adv.* In a manner contrary to cha-
rity.
I did not mean the cutting off all that nation with the
sword; which, far be it from me that I should ever think so
desperately, or with so uncharitably. *Spenser.*
Urge neither charity nor shame to me;
Uncharitably with me have you dealt,
And shamefully my hopes by you are butcher'd. *Shakefp.*
Men, imprudently and uncharitably 'tween, employ their
zeal for persons. *Sprat.*
UNCHARY. *adj.* Not wary; not cautious.
I've said too much unto a heart of stone,
And laid my honour too unchary out. *Shakespeare.*
UNCHASTE. *adj.* Lewd; libidinous; not continent; not
chaste; not pure.

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One, that in divers places I had heard before blaz'd, as
the most impudently unchaste woman of all Asia. *Sidney.*
In my master's garments,
Which he inforc'd from me, away he posts
With unchaste purpose, to violate *Shakefp. Cymbeline.*
My lady's honour. *Shakespeare.*
He hath given her his monumental ring, and thinks him-
self made in the unchaste composition. *Shakespeare.*
Whoever is unchaste, cannot reverence himself; and the
reverence of a man's self is, next religion, the chiefest bridle
of all vices. *Bacon.*
Lust, by unchaste looks,
Lets in deilement to the inward parts. *Milton.*
If she thinks to be separated by reason of her husband's
unchaste life, then the man will be incurably ruined. *Taylor.*
UNCHASTITY. *n. f.* Lewdness; incontinence.
That generation was more particularly addicted to intem-
perance, sensuality, and unchastity. *Woodward.*
When the sun is among the horned signs, he may pro-
duce such a spirit of unchastity, as is dangerous to the honour
of your worships families. *Arbutnot.*
UNCHERFULNESS. *n. f.* Melancholy; gloominess of temper.
Many, by a natural uncheerfulness of heart, love to indulge
this uncomfortable way of life. *Addison's Spectator.*
UNCHECKED. *adj.* Unrestrained; not fluctuated.
What news on the Ryalto?
—Why, yet it lives there uncheck'd, that Anthonio bath
a ship of rich lading wreck'd. *Shakefp. Mer. of Venice.*
Apt the mind, or fancy, is to rove
Uncheck'd, and of her roving is no end. *Milton.*
Thee on the wing thy uncheck'd vigour bore,
To wanton freely, or securely soar. *Smith to J. Phillips.*
UNCHEWED. *adj.* Not masticated.
He fills his famish'd maw, his mouth runs o'er
With unchew'd morsels, while he churns the gore. *Dryden.*
To UNCHILD. *v. a.* To deprive of children.
He hath widow'd and unchilded many a one,
Which to this hour bewail the injury. *Shakefp.*
UNCHRISTIAN. *adj.*
1. Contrary to the laws of christianity.
It's uncharitable, unchristian, and inhuman, to pass a pe-
remptory sentence of condemnation upon a try'd friend,
where there is any room left for a more favourable judg-
ment. *L'Estrange.*
These unchristian fishers of men, are fatally caught in
their own nets. *South.*
I could dispense with the unphilosophicalness of this their
hypothesis, were it not unchristian. *Norris.*
2. Unconverted; infidel.
Whereupon grew a question, whether a christian soldier
might herein do as the unchristian did, and wear as they
wore. *Hooker.*
UNCHRISTIANNESS. *adj.* Contrary to christianity.
The unchristianness of those denials might arise from a
displeasure to see me prefer my own divines before their mi-
nisters. *K. Charles.*
UNCIRCUMCISED. *adj.* Not circumcised; not a Jew.
Th' uncircumcised I smil'd grimly with disdain. *Cowley.*
UNCIRCUMCISION. *n. f.* Omission of circumcision.
God, that gives the law that a Jew shall be circumcised,
thereby constitutes uncircumcision an obliquity; which, had
he not given that law, had never been such. *Hammond.*
UNCIRCUMSCRIBED. *adj.* Unbounded; unlimited.
Though I, uncircumscrib'd myself, retire,
And put not forth my goodness. *Milton's Par. Lost.*
An arbitrary prince is the matter of a non-resisting peo-
ple; for where the power is uncircumcribed, the obedience
ought to be unlimited. *Addison.*
The sovereign was flattered by a set of men into a per-
suasion, that the regal authority was unlimited and unci-
cumscrib'd. *Addison's Freeholder, N^o. 2.*
UNCIRCUMSPECT. *adj.* Not cautious; not vigilant.
Their uncircumspect simplicity had been used, especially in
matters of religion. *Hayward.*
UNCIRCUMSTANTIAL. *adj.* Unimportant. A bad word.
The like particulars, although they seem uncircumstantial,
are oft set down in holy scripture. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*
UNCIVIL. *adj.* [incivil, Fr. incivilis, Lat.] Unpolite; not agree-
able to rules of elegance, or complaisance.
Your undutiful, uncivil, and uncharitable dealing in this
your book, hath detected you. *Whitgift.*
They love me well, yet I have much to do,
To keep me from uncivil outrages. *Shakefp.*
My friends are so unreasonable, that they would have me
be uncivil to him. *Spectator, N. 475.*
UNCIVILLY. *adv.* Unpolitely; not complaisantly.
Somewhat in it he would not have done, or desired un-
done, when he broke forth as desperately, as before he
had done uncivilly. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*
UNCIVILIZED. *adj.*
1. Not reclaimed from barbarity.

But